



Expanding Horizons

NEWSLETTER

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*“Inspiring creativity, self-esteem and a love of learning
within a caring family community”*

Max's Message

Well the end of the school year is nigh and I know that the students are looking forward to a break, especially because this has been an action packed term with - athletics events, a Year 7/8, 3/4 and 5 – 8 camp, music concerts, a field trip to Lexum Park, participation in the Matahui float *which earned second place* in the recent Santa parade float and our first Student-led conferences.

The involvement of parents in each of these respective events has been incredible. Without your enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to support the school we would at times find it difficult to provide the students with such experiences.

On behalf of the entire Matahui teaching team we would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has in any way, shape or form so generously helped this year from coaching teams, providing transport, chaperoning, tirelessly baking for camps, offering to be a camp cook or sharing expertise in a myriad of ways. We are grateful for the way in which you always provide assistance when needed.

We have ended the year with our first Student-led conferences which have taken the place of an end of year report. Whilst this concept may have been new to you it is the most powerful way in which we can give the students an opportunity to showcase their learning journey. The students I spoke to all valued the fact that they could actually show you and in many cases demonstrate or teach you what they had learned

Early next year we will be inviting you to school for a SLC workshop during which you will be able to give us your feedback so that we can continue to build and develop the SLC's.

Lastly, one of my colleagues sent this through in an email and I felt all Matahui males could potentially relate to the sentiment expressed.....

I believe there are four stages of life: 1. You believe in Santa Claus, 2. You don't believe in Santa Claus, 3. You dress up as Santa Claus, and finally, 4. You look like Santa Claus.

Have a safe and merry Christmas and relaxing New Year. See you in 2015.

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Max

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1 : Tuesday 27 January - Thursday 2 April
Term 2 : Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July
Term 3 : Monday 20 July - Friday 18 September
Term 4 : Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December

TERM 4 - 2014

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES:

Week 9 Friday 19 Dec: FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Years 7 & 8 hosting

NB: Every Thursday: **VALUES/COMMUNITY SINGING SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** 12.00 – 12.30
Parents/Caregivers welcome

Room 5 Camp 2015

Our start of year camp will be held at Aongatete Lodge from 11 - 13 February. the focus will be on discovering and exploring our native bush as well as developing cooperative skills.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ARIANA NIELSEN
FOR RECEIVING OUR VALUES AWARD
FOR PERSEVERANCE.**

CLASS CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Congratulations to our certificate recipients from last week:
Back row from left: Harrison, Keyarn and Alexander
Front row from left: Isaac, Asha and Bradley



Congratulations to our certificate recipients from today :

Back row from left: Fern, Jessica, Rory,
Ariana & Kayla
Front row from left: Troy, Bradley, James

TIME TO RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

As the end of term approaches, the library crew have completed a stocktake and found many books missing or overdue from as far back as Term 1. Overdue slips have been given to 11 children this week for these overdues. Please can you check your child's bag to see if they have one of these slips.

Also, please can you have a thorough search at home and return any library books you find as soon as possible. All books, overdue or not, need to be returned to the library by the Monday of the last week of term - that's December 15. Thanks The Library Team

PROSPECTUS

Please access the link below to view the school prospectus:

Online flipbook style: <http://online.flipbuilder.com/tnal/sqzt/>

ALUMNI NEWS

It is always wonderful to catch up with past students and celebrate their achievements.

Kendal Buchanan - St Paul's Collegiate, received the De Jong trophy for best unrewarded effort in school and will be studying a bachelor of commerce (agriculture) at Lincoln University next year on the Lincoln Future Leaders Scholarship.

Sarah Buchanan , Diocesan for Girls, received the Cup for Senior Boarder and is spending the next year competing horses and intends on studying science in the future.

Libby Matthews has been made Deputy Head for Tauranga Intermediate next year, and also House Captain.

Nadia Schroeder As head girl at St Cuthberts Nadia managed a very busy schedule this year and achieved top academic excellence in International Baccalaureate . This is awarded to the top 3 students in the program. Nadia was also awarded a full fee paying scholarship for a conjoint degree in engineering and science at University of Auckland

Amalia Schroeder is a boarding prefect for 2015 at St Cuthbert's .

Have a very safe & merry Christmas,

Enjoy your holidays with your children.

The Matahúí Team



STUDENT ARTWORK

Your children's artwork from Term 4 is now ready to go home. If you are coming into school before the last day of term please ask your child's teacher for their artwork. This prevents it from possible damage in school bags.

LOST PROPERTY

There is also a large amount of found property at school. Some of it has come back from the school camps. Please ensure you check through this before the end of term. All remaining unnamed items will be gifted to the Charity shop over the holidays.

TERM 1 2015 TUITION FEES

Invoices for Term 1 fees have been posted this week. Please note that these are due for payment on 20th January. Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

Merry Christmas from the Mobile Dental Clinic

We finish today (Thursday 11 December). If you have any children with tooth ache, can you advise them to ring: 0800 TALK TEETH 0800 825 583

TAURANGA YOUNG MARINERS –

We offer water based adventure activities for girls aged from 9 – 18 years including sailing, cutter rowing and kayaking. Opportunities for camping /regattas. Regular meetings Thursday evenings and some weekend activities. No equipment or experience needed just a willingness to join in and have fun. For further info ph Jillian Pilbrow 07-577 0515 or tauranga@youngmariners.org.nz or text 027 223 5676

Kids Christmas Fun

Tuesday 23rd December 10am – 3pm \$10.00 (Lunch supplied)

St Peters Anglican Church, Katikati

Children will make Pinecone Christmas Decoration , Mini Christmas Cake

Tree Decorations & Christmas Card

A mini concert will be performed for parents and friends

Lots of fun for primary aged children

Enquires and bookings

Ph organizer Gaye Hemsley 5771753

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